

NICHOLAS IS READY.
The Murderer Says If He Has to Die He
Will Be Game.

EVERY THURSDAY WEEK THE DAY.

He Sits for His Picture and Talks
About His Crime—Something About
the Case—Who He Is and Where
He Came From.

Unless the Supreme Court of Appeals
or the Governor interferes within the
next ten days, Philip Norman Nicholas,
the condemned murderer of James
Mills and Judson Wilkinson, will be han-
gled for his crime. He has twice been sen-
tenced, both times by Judge Welford, of
the Henrico Circuit Court, and is now
under sentence to die on the gallows on
Thursday, the 25th of July, between the
hours of noon and sunset.

The scaffold on which he is to be ex-
ecuted has not yet been erected, but it is
the same one on which Morris Hopkins
was recently hanged, and all of the
pieces are stored away at the county jail,
to be erected at short notice. Work
will be commenced this week. The
scaffold will be built in the driveway in
one of the county courts, and on
the exact spot where it stood when Mor-
ris Hopkins paid the death penalty. The
scaffolds were ordered especially for the
saison, and now at the jail.

Nicholas is accused of having drowned
James Mills and Judson Wilkinson on the
night of June 13, 1892. He was arrested
on the 15th of December, 1892, Nichols
with two men—Mills and Wilkinson—left their home on the Goodrich
line, to cross the river in a boat for the
purpose of taking honey from a bee-tree. They reached the other side of the stream
and started to cut the tree down, when,
at the suggestion of Old Man Mills, they
desisted for fear that they might get
into trouble, and got in the boat to return
home. On the return trip, and when
about thirty yards from the Henrico
side, Nicholas, who was propelling the
boat with a paddle, kicked out three
pieces of corn-cob, which had been stuck
up like a number of holes in the
bottom of the boat. This let the water
in, and the boat rapidly began to sink. Neither
Mills nor Wilkinson could swim, and they
became panic-stricken when they
realized their predicament, and Nicholas
claims jumped into the water. Be-
cause that it may, they sank and were
drowned, while Nicholas swam to shore
and gave an alarm. The drowning was
thought to have been accidental until
the boat was found floating down the
river with the three freshly-bored auger
holes in its bottom, and then foul play
was suspected, and Nicholas was arrested,
and brought to this city, arriving
about 4 o'clock in the morning.

SAYS THEY TESTIFIED FALSELY.

To a Disputed reporter, who called on
him in his cell yesterday, Nicholas said
that he had been compelled to hang
himself because of the false witness
brought against him by several of the
Commonwealth's witnesses, whom he
knew well.

He told of how he procured the
poison at Lew's drugstore, and how he
afterwards took it back and asked that
his name be stricken from the books. He
then detailed the accident as he
called it—and said that he was so ex-
hausted when he reached the shore
that he had to lie there for more than
ten minutes before he had sufficient
strength to walk up to the house and
give the alarm.

Mr. Joseph Schuch has returned from an
extended business trip through Virginia.

Miss Alice Bowman is on a visit to
friends in New York. She will be away
the greater part of the summer.

Mr. C. W. Wingfield has moved into
his new residence near the park.

There are many applicants for the position
of county policeman. It is hoped an
appointment will be made in the near
future.

Miss Nellie Booth, of Second avenue,
is quite sick.

Mr. E. Peaco has returned from
Staunton.

Miss Annie Fourcane is on a visit to
friends in South Boston, Va.

Mr. M. B. Leonard has been on a busi-
ness trip to Cincinnati.

Mr. Clarence Livesay is spending his
vacation at the seashore.

Mr. C. E. Harwood has returned after
a week or ten days vacation.

The Chestnut Hill-baseball team has
been reorganized, and some new talent
added.

The Highland Park school building will
soon be remodeled and refurbished.

Air. J. Harvie Blair and family are
at Ocean View.

Misses Nellie, May, and Josephine
Delaney, Nettie Bird, and Fannie Moseley,
have been visiting the Misses McGee,
on Highland Park.

Mrs. M. C. Smith, of Highland Park,
has been on a several weeks' trip to
Ashland, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Winn are board-
ing with Mrs. C. G. Isbell, on Third ave-
nue, Chestnut Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Real, and Miss
Bayliss, made a short visit to Mr. and
Mrs. R. T. Sale last week.

Mrs. K. V. Burress and her mother,
Mrs. E. E. Gennet, are spending some time
with Mrs. Garland Clarke.

Miss Little Jones has left Chestnut
Hill, after spending the winter with her
cousin, Mrs. W. A. Davis, and gone to
Buffalo Springs.

Messrs. Charles and W. R. Todd ex-
pect to leave Walnut Hill about the 21st,
to spend some time at the home of the
former in Staunton.

Master Clifford Isbell, who had his
nose broken on the base-ball field some
time ago, is all right again, and is very
little disfigured by the accident.

There will be a citizens' meeting on
Thursday next, July 18th.

Mr. C. W. Wingfield has moved into
his house, recently completed on Eastow
avenue.

Mr. W. A. Davis has moved into the
house formerly occupied by Mr. William
McGinn.

The diamond for the Chestnut Hill
base-ball team is being scraped and
nicely fixed.

The County School Board are making
ready to remodel and fix up the school
on Highland Park. They have gotten es-
timates on school furniture and fixtures.

The ladies of the Aid Society wish to
extend their thanks to all the ladies and
gentlemen, and especially the children,
who assisted them in their late lawn
party, which was a perfect success, real-
izing about \$75.

HIS COUNSEL WORKED HARD.

These are only some of the most imp-
tant facts adduced in the trial which
made up the evidence on which Nicholas
was convicted. His counsel made repeated
efforts to introduce evidence to offset
these facts, but could not convince the
jury. It is understood that they will, even
at this late date, make one more effort in
behalf of their client, provided the Su-
preme Court does not interfere, by try-
ing to prove that an important statement
made as coming from Nicholas was not
true, and was concocted for a purpose.

Mrs. Mills has died since the trial. She
was not a very prepossessing woman,

but she had a good figure, and was
certainly not one for whom a man
would be likely to commit murder. It has
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A DISPATCH MAN VISITED NICHOLAS IN HIS

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(The black dots indicate the position of
the holes in the boat.)

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THE HOME FOR INCURABLES.

Many Useful Articles Contributed to
the Institution.

The lady managers of the Virginia
Home for Incurables acknowledge the
following donations recently made to that
worthy institution: Mrs. Peyton Car-
rington, box of vegetables; Miss Ruby
Bodeker, curtains for the hall; Mr. E. P.
Reeve, flooring staining; Mrs. Wright, 1
pill; Mrs. Craigie, coal-box and 4
pairs of sheets; Mrs. Whitehead, 1 bed-
sheet; Mrs. Craigie, 1 coal-box and 4
pairs of sheets; Miss Wattington, 1 rug;
Mr. Peyton Carrington, 1 load of coal;
Mr. F. Richardson, 2 pieces of mutton; Mrs.
W. F. Richardson, 1 white spread; 1
pair of carpet; Mrs. Forbes, 1 silk
pill; Miss Belle Maury, 2 brackets; Mrs. Hol-
iday, 4 boxes of Carrington's soluble food;
Mr. Henry Bugg, apples; Mrs. Wright,
1 can of tomatoes and 1 piece of
paper; Mrs. R. Blakemore, 6 plated
curtains; 1 olive; 8 plated spoons; 8
plated knives; 5 fancy spoons; Randolph
& English contribution of books and
piano; Miss M. S. Greenhow, toilet mats
and pictures for bureau; Mr. Powell, 1
stone jar; Stowe & Nuckles, sign for the
home; Mr. Thompson, painting of sign
for A. J. Pleasant, Deputy Marshal.

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Court Orders.

United States District Court,
Eastern District of Virginia,
Richmond, Va., July 7, 1895.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Take notice that the Clerk of the United
States District Court, Clerk's office, at
Richmond, Va., in the suit of I. C. Evans
v. C. W. Stebbins, plaintiff in cause
No. 12,000,訴状, filed in this Court
on the 19th DAY OF JULY, 1886, said

case will be tried at the United States
Court-room in Richmond, Va., on the 23rd
instant, and all persons interested are cited
to appear and interpose their claims.

J. M. HUDGINS,
United States Marshal.

Per A. J. Pleasant, Deputy Marshal.

By 7-17.

IRVIN WEISIGER,
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EDWARD E. BARNEY,
President.

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